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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that **FELIX ANTONIO ORTIZ-ABREU**, age 56, of Philadelphia, PA, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Gary L. Sharpe, to 24 months and one day in federal prison, to be followed by supervised release for two years, upon his convictions for passport fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Today's sentencing follows the January 13, 2010 guilty plea of **FELIX ANTONIO ORTIZ-ABREU** to the charges of passport fraud and aggravated identity theft. **ORTIZ-ABREU** was encountered by United States Customs and Border Protection officers at the Champlain, New York Port of Entry on November 4, 2009 as he sought admission into the United States as a passenger on a commercial bus. **ORTIZ-ABREU**, a citizen of the Dominican Republic, presented a United States passport with his facial photograph and the biographical information of another person and claimed to be that person in an attempt to enter the United States and return to his residence in Philadelphia. During an immigration inspection conducted at the Port of Entry, a CBP officer arrested **ORTIZ-ABREU** after he discovered that **ORTIZ-ABREU** was not, in fact, a United States citizen and that the passport he presented as his had been issued under false pretenses. **ORTIZ-ABREU**, an illegal alien from the Dominican Republic, had assumed the identity of a United States citizen. At the time of his arrest, **ORTIZ-ABREU** also possessed a Pennsylvania Drivers license, a Pennsylvania Identification Card, a

Pennsylvania Certificate of Voter Registration and two credit cards, all issued to him in the assumed identity.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Champlain, New York, the United States Department of State, Diplomatic Security Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the United States Secret Service, Albany, New York.

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